

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action, the Applicants request continued examination and withdrawal of the finality. The Applicants present the below remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of these remarks. The amendments place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal and, thus, shall be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. In addition, the amendments place the claims in better form and are not presented for any reasons of patentability.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(a), the Applicants have amended Figure 1 and removed Display Circuit 125.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over "The Answer Machine," The Magazine for Database Professionals, Vol. 8, No. 1, January 2000, Page 58 (hereinafter Feldman) in view "Mine over Matter," Journal of Business Strategy, Vol. 19, No. 9, July/August 1998, Pages 22-26 (hereinafter Baker). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set out below.

Applicants contend that references individually or in combination do not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 1, or the other independent claims of the present application. The Applicants' arguments shall be presented with respect to claim 1. However, these comments are applicable to the other independent claims of the present application, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these comments and remarks when reviewing the other independent claims for allowability.

The Office Action cites Paragraphs 2, 38-40 and 64-65 of Feldman as teaching "aggregating data gathered from networked sources, wherein the data includes a plurality of documents and cleaning said aggregated data by removing superfluous data elements and extracting metadata and actual body of a document." Although Feldman states that text-mining technologies find facts and patterns within a database, and extract

information from all pertinent documents, Feldman does not teach or suggest removing superfluous data elements and extracting metadata and actual body of a document from documents found in databases. Moreover, even though Feldman discloses an intelligent agent system running an updated query periodically on all the web search engines, it does not disclose or suggest automatically and transparently modifying the search criterion received to generate a data analysis from the data stored in the database. The Office Action states that saving the search results in Feldman is equivalent to “storing said cleaned data in the database”, but even if that is the case, neither Feldman nor Baker disclose or suggest intelligent agents modifying search criterion to be used to generate a data analysis from the stored search results. Stored search results are the final product of a search and no search criterion, modified or not, need to be ran against the stored search results. Thus, at least for these reasons, the cited references do not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed.

Baker is not used by the Office Action to invalidate “aggregating data gathered from networked sources, wherein the data includes a plurality of documents and cleaning said aggregated data by removing superfluous data elements and extracting metadata and actual body of a document”, and “automatically and transparently modifying the search criterion” because Baker does not teach or suggest these features of the present invention, as claimed.

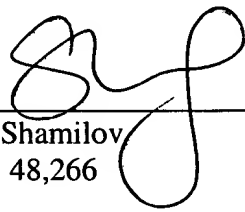
The Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) has been addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. The Applicant furthermore submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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